THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12-cv-00288-MR-DLH

MONUMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,))
Plaintiff,))
vs.)) <u>ORDER</u>)
MICHAEL H. McCRAW; BILL COOPER SELLERS, JR., Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Theresa Marie Hartley McCraw; and JACK NELSON HOPPES, JR., Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Theresa Marie Hartley McCraw,)))))))
Defendants.	<i>)</i>))

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Discharge from Further Liability, Permanent Injunction, and Dismissal with Prejudice [Doc. 13].

The Plaintiff represents in its Motion that the Defendants consent to the Motion and the relief requested therein. The Defendants, however, have not yet made appearances in this action. While the record indicates that they have been served with process [see Docs. 9, 10, 12], the Defendants have not answered or otherwise responded to the Plaintiff's Complaint. Moreover, Plaintiff's counsel represents in his motion that he has consulted with the Defendants' counsel regarding the motion, and even identifies in his certificate of service certain attorneys who are presumably the attorneys to which he makes reference. These attorneys, however, have never appeared as counsel of record in this matter. Therefore, Plaintiff's counsel's representation to this Court regarding his consultation is not accurate. For these reasons the Plaintiff's Motion is premature and will be denied without prejudice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Discharge from Further Liability, Permanent Injunction, and Dismissal with Prejudice [Doc. 13] is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: January 24, 2013

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge